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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 41-44, 46-48, 52-54, 57 and 59 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-40: Cancelled.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended). A data reader for reading data from a card-type storage recording medium, said card-type storage recording medium comprising: which includes

5 a first semiconductor storage area and a second dynamic storage area, the second dynamic storage area storing free and pay contents data, the first semiconductor storage area storing information to use the free and pay contents data, the data reader comprising:

10 means for reading the free and pay contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium;

means for inhibiting the reading means from reading the pay contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium by

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referring to the information stored in the first semiconductor storage area of the card-type storage recording medium; and

15 means for permitting the reading means to read the pay contents stored in the card-type storage recording medium in accordance with predetermined procedures by referring to the information stored in the first semiconductor storage area of the card-type storage recording medium.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended). The data reader as defined by claim 41, further comprising means for connecting the card-type storage recording medium to a server system of a center on the Internet.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended). An information managing system comprising:

a data reader that reads data from a card-type storage recording medium, said card-type storage recording medium  
5 comprising which comprises a first semiconductor storage area and a second dynamic storage area, the second dynamic storage area storing free and pay contents data, the first semiconductor storage area storing information to use the free and pay

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contents data, wherein one of the card-type storage recording  
10 medium and the data reader comprises:

means for permitting the data reader to read the free  
contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium  
and for inhibiting the data reader from reading the pay contents  
data stored in the card-type storage recording medium by

15 referring to the information stored in the first semiconductor  
storage area of the card-type storage recording medium; and

means for permitting the data reader to read the pay  
contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium in  
accordance with predetermined procedures by referring to the  
20 information stored in the first semiconductor storage area of the  
card-type storage recording medium.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended). The information managing  
system as defined by claim 43, wherein the inhibiting means is  
provided on the card-type storage recording medium.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented). The information managing  
system as defined by claim 43, wherein the inhibiting means is  
provided in the data reader.

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Claim 46 (Currently Amended). The information managing system as defined by claim 43, wherein the card-type storage recording medium comprises means for converting the free contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium to pay  
5 contents data in accordance with the predetermined procedures.

Claim 47 (Currently Amended). The information managing system as defined by claim 43, wherein the data reader comprises means for connecting the card-type storage recording medium to the server system via the Internet.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended). An information managing system comprising:

a data reader that reads data from a card-type storage recording medium, said card-type storage recording medium  
5 comprising which comprises a first semiconductor storage area and a second dynamic storage area, the second dynamic storage area storing free and pay contents data, the first semiconductor storage area storing information to use the free and pay contents data, and a server system on the Internet connectable to the data  
10 reader and controlled by a center on the Internet, wherein one of the recording medium, the data reader and the server comprises:

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means for permitting the data reader to read the free  
contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium  
and for inhibiting the data reader from reading the pay contents  
15 data stored in the card-type storage recording medium by  
referring to the information stored in the first semiconductor  
storage area of the card-type storage recording medium; and  
permitting means for permitting the data reader to read the  
pay contents data stored in the card-type storage recording  
20 medium in accordance with predetermined procedures by referring  
to the information stored in the first semiconductor storage area  
of the card-type storage recording medium.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented). The information managing  
system as defined by claim 48, wherein the inhibiting means is  
provided in the server system.

Claim 50 (Previously Presented). The information managing  
system as defined by claim 48, wherein the predetermined  
procedures comprise payment of a required charge to the center.

Claim 51 (Previously Presented). The information managing  
system as defined by claim 48, wherein the predetermined

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procedures comprise inputting authentication data from the reader to the server system.

Claim 52 (Currently Amended). A data reader comprising:

a card-type storage recording medium which includes a first semiconductor storage area and a second dynamic storage area, the second dynamic storage area storing free and pay contents data,  
5 the first semiconductor storage area storing information to use the free and pay contents data;

means for reading the free and pay contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium;

means for inhibiting the reading means from reading the pay  
10 contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium by referring to the information stored in the first semiconductor storage area of the card-type storage recording medium; and

means for permitting the reading means to read the pay contents stored in the card-type storage recording medium in  
15 accordance with predetermined procedures by referring to the information stored in the first semiconductor storage area of the card-type storage recording medium.

Claim 53 (Currently Amended). The data reader as defined by claim 52, further comprising means for connecting the card-type

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storage recording medium to a server system of a center on the Internet.

Claim 54 (Currently Amended). An information managing system comprising:

a data reader which includes a card-type storage recording medium, said card-type storage recording medium comprising that  
5 ~~comprises~~ a first semiconductor storage area and a second dynamic storage area, the data reader reading data from the recording medium, the second dynamic storage area storing free and pay contents data, the first semiconductor storage area storing information to use the free and pay contents data, wherein one of  
10 the card-type storage recording medium and the data reader comprises:

means for permitting the data reader to read the free contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium and for inhibiting the data reader from reading the pay contents  
15 data stored in the card-type storage recording medium by referring to the information stored in the first semiconductor storage area of the card-type storage recording medium; and

means for permitting the data reader to read the pay contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium in  
20 accordance with predetermined procedures by referring to the

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information stored in the first semiconductor storage area of the card-type storage recording medium.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented). The information managing system as defined by claim 54, wherein the inhibiting means is provided on the recording medium.

Claim 56 (Previously Presented). The information managing system as defined by claim 54, wherein the inhibiting means is provided in the data reader.

Claim 57 (Currently Amended). The information managing system as defined by claim 54, wherein the card-type storage recording medium comprises means for converting the free contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium to pay  
5 contents data in accordance with the predetermined procedures.

Claim 58 (Previously Presented). The information managing system as defined by claim 54, wherein the data reader comprises means for connecting the recording medium to the server system via the Internet.



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Claim 59 (Currently Amended). An information managing system comprising:

a data reader which includes a card-type storage recording medium, said card-type storage recording medium comprising that  
5 ~~comprises~~ a first semiconductor storage area and a second dynamic storage area, the data reader recording data from the recording medium, the second dynamic storage area storing free and pay contents data, the first semiconductor storage area storing information to use the free and pay contents data, and a server  
10 system on the Internet connectable to the data reader and controlled by a center on the Internet, wherein one of the card-type storage recording medium, the data reader and the server comprises:

means for permitting the data reader to read the free  
15 contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium and for inhibiting the data reader from reading the pay contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium by referring to the information stored in the first semiconductor storage area of the card-type storage recording medium; and

20 permitting means for permitting the data reader to read the pay contents data stored in the card-type storage recording medium in accordance with predetermined procedures by referring

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to the information stored in the first semiconductor storage area  
of the card-type storage recording medium.

Claim 60 (Previously Presented). The information managing system as defined by claim 59, wherein the inhibiting means is provided in the server system.

Claim 61 (Previously Presented). The information managing system as defined by claim 59, wherein the predetermined procedures comprise payment of a required charge to the center.

Claim 62 (Previously Presented). The information managing system as defined by claim 59, wherein the predetermined procedures comprise inputting authentication data from the reader to the server system.